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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

-- OF UNFDAC

REF: (A) VANCE MEMCON OF MAY 9 RE DISCUSSION WITH

-- DR. MARTENS, (B) USUN 2401, (C) GENEVA

-- 4459, (D) GENEVA 3952, (E) TRINKS/

-- HERMESMAN TELCON JUL 12

FOR BENNETT FROM BUFFUM

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES USUN EFFORTS SO FAR IN PROMOTING
CANDIDACY OF MR. HARVEY WELLMAN FOR POSITION OF DEPUTY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC.

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2. WE ARE, HOWEVER, CONCERNED BY REPORTS THAT INDICATE UNNY IS RAISING AMBIGUITIES CONCERNING MATTERS WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD WERE CLEARLY SETTLED, BOTH WITH RESPECT TO RECRUITMENT OF WELLMAN AND TITLE OF POSITION TO WHICH HE IS BEING APPOINTED.

3. DURING DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON IN APRIL, UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIDSON BROACHED SUBJECT OF WELLMAN APPOINTMENT TO UNFDAC AND EXPRESSED HIS CONCURRENCE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DR. MARTENS, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC. MARTENS SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED, REJECTED AN ALTERNATE

CANDIDATE AND REQUESTED UNNY TO PROCESS WELLMAN APPLICATION. (REFS C AND D)

4. ON MAY 2, AT UNNY, AMB VANCE DISCUSSED APPOINTMENT AT LENGTH WITH DR. MARTENS, ASSERTING THAT HE "THOUGHT VERY STRONGLY THE PERSON MUST HAVE THE TITLE AND POSITION OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE" DR. MARTENS AGREED. MARTENS THEREAFTER STATED THAT HE "DID NOT THINK THE DEPUTY ON THE FUND SIDE SHOULD OUTRANK THE DEPUTY ON THE DIVISION SIDE AND SHOULD ALSO, OF COURSE, NOT BE THE SAME RANK AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. HE MENTIONED THE D-1 LEVEL AS BEING WHAT HE THOUGHT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE." AMB. VANCE THEREAFTER CONFIRMED THE ACCEPTABILITY OF MARTENS' POSITION WITH WELLMAN AND INFORMED MARTENS (REF A).

5. DESPITE AGREEMENT BY DAVIDSON TO WELLMAN APPOINTMENT AND AGREEMENT BY MARTENS TO BOTH APPOINTMENT AND DEPUTY TITLE, DEPARTMENT LEARNED THAT UNNY IS CONSIDERING WELLMAN FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANT POSITION (REF B) AND IS CIRCULARIZING POSITION (REF E) CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS ASSURANCES BY WEBB, CHIEF OF UN RECRUITMENT, THAT IT WOULD NOT DO SO.

6. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES APPOINTMENT OF WELLMAN AT DEPUTY LEVEL IS ESSENTIAL TO STRENGTHEN ORGANIZATION OF UNFDAC SO THAT IT CAN PERFORM ITS FUNCTIONS MORE EFFECTIVELY. THAT ORGANIZATION IS NOW QUITE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IT WAS WHEN ARNESON WAS APPOINTED SPECIAL ASSISTANT AND IT NEEDS AN EXPERIENCED DEPUTY TO ASSIST THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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IT HAS BEEN AND IS NOW INADEQUATELY STAFFED AND APPOINTMENT OF FULL DEPUTY TO MARTENS IS ESSENTIAL, ESPECIALLY NOW IN VIEW OF INCREASED ROLE UN ORGANIZATIONS WILL HAVE TO PLAY IN AFTERMATH OF TURKISH RESCISSION OF OPIUM BAN. AS A MAJOR VICTIM NATION IN CURRENT DRUG EPIDEMIC AND AS CONTRIBUTOR OF 80 PERCENT OF FUNDS COLLECTED TO DATE BY UNFDAC, USG HAS PARTICULAR INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT

UNFDAC STRONGLY STAFFED TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS.

7. DEPARTMENT ATTACHES HIGH IMPORTANCE TO EFFECTUATION OF AGREEMENTS BY DAVIDSON AND MARTENS CONCERNING WELLMAN APPOINTMENT. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE MISSION'S RAISING MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE UN OFFICIALS TO ENSURE SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM BY THE PROMPT PROCESSING OF WELLMAN FOR (D-1) DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION WITH UNFDAC. WE HOPE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE EXPEDITED TO PERMIT HIM TO ASSUME HIS DUTIES IN GENEVA IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. KISSINGER

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